



# TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 22, 2008

Present: Phil Reece (Yeah!), Belinda Cowdrey, Greg Poulisse, Tim and Lori Mason, Ed and Lois Blondin, MaryAnn Bushaw, Terry Nichols, Sandy Schwartz, Jennifer Brown, Eric Schmidt

Meeting started at 8:08 PM

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg gave a new report.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Next one is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Past Events**

**Wood Badge Training C-23-07 (Aug. 24-26 & Sept. 21-23, 2007):** *Phil and Ken are signed up and paid. Nothing new.... (8/28) Phil was at it last weekend and he is going again in a couple of weeks. Phil will talk to Ray Warren to try to get Ken's payment credited to our account. Phil needs to work on his "ticket." He will take suggestions. (10/30) Phil is still waiting to see if Ken's money can be applied to a 2008 course, if someone wants to attend. (11/27) Post meeting note: Next course is C-25-08 August 22-24 and September 19-21 2008. (01/15) [http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/woodbadge/wood\\_badge\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/woodbadge/wood_badge_brochure.pdf). Phil has one ticket item done, three others are moving along quickly and he needs to jump-start another. He would like a decision on Adopt-A-Highway. He is looking at doing either Illinois Highway 15 (Cherry Valley Road) which is not very busy, or Perryville south of Harrison, includes our tree lot corner, nice advertisement, but busier. Are there any other suggestions? We will have a sign posted, which can have two lines of 15 characters and he is suggesting "BSA T-181/CVFPD-CVUMC. It was decided that Perryville would be the better choice. Some liked the sign but wanted to know if we need to get permission from the Fire Department and the Church, since we are putting their names on the sign. It was guessed that we are responsible for a 1-mile stretch of road. Also, that is a 1 or 2-year commitment with a clean up at least 4 times a year. (02/26) Phil is still working on his ticket items, 3 of 5 done. Forth one needs dates from Terry and Sandy put into the schedule and will be completed by end of summer, fifth one is moving slowly. (03/25) Same. (04/29) Our money is still available for the Course, per Sandy (on staff). Tim will use this money. We'll talk to Tom about making sure it is applied. (5/20) Phil's comments on progress were as follows: "I have managed to accomplish a grand total of nothing." Phil has not finished the Adopt-a-Highway Project. It is a 2-year commitment with (4) clean-up sessions a year. MaryAnn says he needs to get the road clean-up set-up and the boys will do the work. It was mentioned that we should encourage him more. Terry said that he and Sandy have been supporting him and that it is up to Phil to follow through. (6/10) Nothing new to report. (07/22) State adopt a highway has moved to County so we can get Perryville Road. Looking at dates in Sept (maybe part of troop JLT) and Nov for the tree lot set up. Phil is hoping to finish up by November with one more to go.*

**NYLT (June 8-14) commitments:** *To be discussed next month. (02/26) Will look at leaders after the next troop elections. 2 have showed an interest. Alex discussed. May be pushed back to August because of all the*

snow days. Alex will give us information and he receives it. It will be held at Camp Lowden this year. (03/25) There is a rumor that this was changed to June 15 – 21, the same week as Philmont. One scout is committed and one considering it. (04/29) The Courier was misprinted. The NYLT course is June 8-14. Two scouts have paid their deposits and the Troop paid their balances already. (5/20) Both boys' paperwork has been signed and they're responsible to make sure the forms were filled-out and mailed-in. (6/10) Both boys are there right now. Craig, Matt and Alex are also there working. (07/22) Neither Brad, nor Ronnie is here to report.

**BMX Food Tent (June 12–15):** (02/26) Belinda is running it. Lois is going to Philmont. Phil will guide Belinda on this. (03/25) Tim will help also. Post-meeting note – Phil talked with Jake Karu, we are confirmed to do the tent and clean up. (04/29) Belinda got the book tonight for history purposes. (5/20) Belinda is having a hard time getting together with Phil or Greg for planning purposes. She would appreciate the help of anyone else who has coordinated this in the past. MaryAnn will help. Also, do we want to keep the same menu? It has been suggested that we drop the Smoothies and Hot Dogs. Belinda is having a hard time contacting the Manager for Baskin Robbins. Nobody seems to know his hours. Smoothies were voted against because of difficulties with company; they have been hard to work with. Check with Taco Bell's to see if they are willing to work with us. They now sell Smoothies that only cost \$1.89. Ed and Lois have tried them and said they were very similar. There is one on Auburn and Rockton. Hot Dogs are big sellers and should be kept. We have to sell them as Chicago-style Hot Dogs (so we don't compete with the other concession. However, we will sell it plain, but at the same price). Belinda asked if we should increase prices since everything cost more now. She also mentioned that she has talked to the manager at Pizza Hut and they will not let us increase the price we charge for Pizza Slices, but will allow us to increase Breadsticks to \$3.50. (The manager said he cannot allow us to make more than he does.) Breadsticks will cost us \$2.50 this year, which is a 50-cent increase. The pizzas will be cut in 8 slices again and will cost us \$12.00. This comes to a profit of \$12.00 per pizza for us. Check the Pizza Hut equipment to be sure it is working properly! We had a problem last year with the pizza oven door, the Health Dept. rejected it. We also had a problem with it getting to the proper temperature. It's recommend we either pick the food up from Pizza Hut ourselves or send Scouts to road to get it. It took a while to get our orders in the past, due to the congestion at BMX. It is hard to get in and out with a car. It was suggested we check to see if we could sell Cinnamon Sugar breadsticks. Belinda will check. She also needs to check to see if we can increase breadsticks to \$4.00. Popcorn will not be sold; we did not sell very much, it requires a lot of power, and it really heated-up the tent. We will have pastries, water, fruit drinks, Chicago-style hotdogs, snow cones, chips, fruit and coffee. We need to make sure we have enough syrup for the flavoring of snow cones. Belinda is going to try to pre-order these. What is their policy on returned items? Belinda will check. It was suggested that we check with the Concession stand to make sure we are not selling the same thing. Jake is our contact at BMX. Eliminate some shifts because we have too many people in the tents at one time. It was suggested that we see who is bringing extra people with them when they work; this will help limit the number of people under the tent. Belinda is to check with Lois to see if we need to get rid of shifts. There was a discussion regarding having the food there on time and things set up ahead of time so when the first shift starts we are ready to go; this has been a problem in the past. Belinda said her goal was to have everything there by 12:00 to get set up and ready for the 2:00 shift. We do have an account at GFS? Yes. The Health Department wants us to have a digital thermometer. Belinda said she bought one last year. It is at her house along with other items for the fundraiser. Also, make sure we have metal tongs. We've had plastic ones that kept breaking. (6/10) Belinda was finally able to meet with Phil. He talked her into continuing with Baskin Robbins as it was a big money maker for us. She finally was able to contact someone. She is looking into renting commercial grade blenders as Baskin Robbins no longer supplies them. Also, it was decided that we would eliminate duplicate shifts. She was able to finally get a shopping list from Greg. The list was compared with previous years as well as account taken to extras we had to buy because we ran out. An order was placed with GFS last week. She was never was able to get together with MaryAnn. The new shifts are all filled. She has worked very hard to try and revamp this program. Reminders are being emailed to those who signed-up for shifts as well as information sheets and maps. At closing, the money box should be left at the concession stand. New this year we are going to tally food to avoid confusion. Also, there is a separate price list for Scouts so there will be no confusion. We cannot get cherry syrup this year from GFS, so we are trying Watermelon. (Their supplier is no longer stocking

cherry.) We could have put in a special order for it but would have needed 2 months notice. Paul mentioned to check into RIO Syrups out of St. Louis for next year. They should be able to order it for us. Belinda will send out email reminders for all to show up for clean-up. (07/22) Our profits were \$1,222.67. BMX received \$1,305.09. This year's profits compare to about \$1500 in 2007 and \$500 in 2005.

**UAW Cleanup (Jun 14):** (06/10) Eric said that he needed volunteers to help with a clean-up this Saturday. Belinda will be sending out an email plea to the Troop members, with questions being directed to Eric. The time will be for 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. at the UAW Hall in Belvidere. This is located off Harrison (20) on Chrysler Drive. Points are available for anyone who works. This is a courtesy to the UAW for letting us use their copier. Clean-up will be done on the outside of the building. Supplies will be provided. (07/22) It went well. 6 to 8 helped. Eric has pictures. It is something the boys could get points for, so we should announce that. It's suggested our SPL announce it on a regular basis.

**Philmont (June 16-28, 2008):** (4/17) Bill paid for the 7-minimum per trek, although 22 of our members have paid a deposit. We have room for 3 more Scouts. (5/22) We have room for 24. The next payment is due in October; approximately \$200. Payment after that is due in March 2008. (1 too many adults, and 2 too few scouts are signed-up.) They allow 2-4 adults per crew. Scouts are considered youth up to age 21, but must be 14+ and First Class. Health restrictions are enforced once you get there, even if your doctor permits you to go. Traveling will be by train. (6/26) Nothing new. (7/24) Nothing new. (8/28) Phil went camping this past weekend to prepare for Philmont. The Hoxies still want to go. Philmont is like Venturing -- youth age goes up to 20 to be considered a Scout. Still room for 1 more Scout and we are over 1 adult. NYLT is a week before Philmont. The group is leaving on June 15<sup>th</sup> if going by train. Need to be there by the 16<sup>th</sup>. Next payment is due in October, which is \$200. Some want to do a fund-raiser to help pay their expenses. When are we going to open it to people outside of the troop? It was suggested that we allow the Blondin's nephew to pay towards it and refund it if the position gets filled. (9/18) 14 scouts are signed-up; and 8 adults (Mr. Schmidt withdrew). We need 2 more scouts. The first payment will be due October 16. (10/30) Bill said we are going --because our money is paid up-to-date and the balance is due March 2008; we still owe \$255 per person. Transportation is additional, about \$200 extra. So far, adults and scouts have paid the same amount. Terry suggested we research how much adults should pay, based on our last trip, and bring it up at the next meeting. Phil will research it. We have 4 youth and 2 adult openings available. We are only committed for 14, so we have not overpaid. Bill received a letter from the Blackhawk Area Council offering scholarships to Philmont. They are based on finances. There are 2 kinds available. The deadline for submission is December 3, 2007. They require information from parents and the unit leader. Bill will make copies available. A new requirement for Philmont is: (Phil read this information.) Wilderness First Aid is now required for each crew, instead of general first aid. The last course was dropped, due to lack of interest, per Eric. Paul makes a motion, since it is a requirement that the Troop should pay for the training. We would need 2 from our Troop to be certified. Eric is certified, but not going to Philmont. [Post-meeting note: according to the Feb. 2003 minutes, adults paid \$250, travel extra.] (11/27) Ed is still chasing down payments. (\$560? + travel) (01/15) The next payment is due in March; we still need money from everyone. We need 2 people trained in Wilderness First Aid. Eric is already trained. Lois is going to take a course. It was suggested that we have a 3<sup>rd</sup> person as a backup, he can be a Scout. Lois is volunteering Zachary, since she is going anyway. As far as refunds go – a previous boy who dropped-out was told he would not get his deposit back unless he recruited someone else to take his place. Another scout canceled tonight. This policy will hold for anyone else who drops out. It was suggested that we give a cutoff date for refunds. The date chosen was March 1<sup>st</sup>. After that time no refunds would be given. We are still looking into transportation costs. This was discussed at great length. Amtrak is averaging around \$230 (weekdays) to \$332 (weekends). Children under 16 would be half price with one paying adult. It was suggested that we check into airfare. Nothing can be finalized until after the dropout cut-off date. Most likely, transportation cost will not be refundable, so we need to make sure who is going before any tickets are bought. (02/26) \$50 is never refundable but the first payment was refundable until March 1<sup>st</sup> but they could find a replacement that could pay their fee. We are now confirmed with 12 (5 adults and 7 youth). 2 Youth have until the end of the week to confirm. \$3570 check needed. Lois is scheduled to take the Wilderness First Aid. Eric is

going and is Wilderness First Aid trained already. Class is being held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> all day training. We can recruit outside of the Troop. Suggested it be brought up at Roundtable on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We paid minimum. Can add more in up to 24. Adults are paying 1/2 of Philmont fee and all of the travel (\$255 + \$350 to \$400). Voted on and passed. 16 and under are half price off the train price. Will do the cheapest travel options. Looking into a charter bus also. Need to be at Philmont on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Philmont is 12 days. Done June 28<sup>th</sup>. (03/25) One crew is still looking for 1 more person, preferably two. (04/29) Trek 32 has two more scouts from Troop 705. Train is \$150. Plane is \$143, minus fees. Bus is \$55 per person to airport. A couple people still owe. They're leaving on the 15<sup>th</sup> and will return Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. We still need to arrange a ride home from the Airport. (5/20) Nothing new. (6/10) The group is leaving next Sunday. Drivers needed to pick them up from O'Hare on Saturday, 6/28. They are arriving on American Airlines, Flight 1500 from Albuquerque, NM at 5:05 p.m. There is a 'cell phone lot' at O'Hare, where you can wait for their plane to come in. Another suggestion was to wait at the Des Plaines Oasis for them to call. It is about 5 miles away. Also, need people to help with dropping them off this Sunday, 6/15 in Mendota at the train station. There are 16 people with 16 packs. Sandy volunteered John for this Sunday. Eric is checking with his son, Kevin. Ed will look into finding them rides. (07/22) They made it there and back with everybody. They had a good time. A few people still owe money, which Ed will be following-up on. Ed and Eric will give reports for newsletter. It cost \$20 more to fly back, but definitely worth it.

**Summer Camp (June 29 – July 5):** (10/30) January is normally when camps take reservations. It was suggested that something be brought up at the Family Night. Sandy asked Terry if we could add time in the Court of Honor to present 5 camp options. Terry told Nic to make sure it gets done. Put "disaster response" in the Spring Family Night. (11/27) Only two of 5 presentations were made at Family Night, so we voted for Ransburg. In a subsequent email conversation, Sandy believes we need to ask for the other presentations to be made and then vote again. (01/15) It was brought up at our troop meeting tonight as to whether we wanted to go to Ransburg, or still look into the other options. The scouts voted 19-1 in favor of Ransburg. We are looking at the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>. June 29 is the day the Philmont campers come home. Sandy is going to check to see if some people could come late on Monday. We would like to keep the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>, because that is when they went last time and there were not as many campers there (only about 350 vs. 700 for other weeks). Sandy will be sending in our reservation and deposit check. (02/26) Going to Tesomas Summer Camp near Rhinelander, WI \$242 per scout. \$50 by March April 29<sup>th</sup> final payment due. We do have to pay for Adults also and reserve their spots. Swim test can be done in advance. We have to provide our own tents. Paul suggested we go through the trail in May to check supplies, etc. Medical forms need to be copied because they keep them. Need copies of Insurance Medical Cards for people going also. Coming late the first day is OK. Half of the Philmont group is planning on going to Summer Camp also. Can bring another trailer with bikes. We are in the Mokeken campsite. The campground is very large and bikes would be nice for getting around. Points will pay for the balance after \$25. Voted on and passed. The additional \$25 that was collected will go in to their Scout accounts. Voted on and approved. One was opposed. We are short on tents for Summer Camp. How many more do we need? 4 or 5 tents will need to be purchased. Terry suggested we buy 6 tents. Suggested we change the trailer check to April, **before Committee Meeting.** (03/25) 21 scouts are going 5 more are questionable & 7 Adults. Need to get physicals and medical forms. Sandy will discuss this with Jennifer. Steve Fedor cannot go but Tim will pull trailer for us. We will discuss tent information at the April meeting. April and May we need to do swim test for camp. The announcement for Summer Camp needs to be posted to the web site. (04/29) 22 scouts and 7 advisors are signed-up. \$3,680.74 in points will be used towards camp. Tentage was discussed, see below. (5/20) 25 Scouts now going; 3 new ones. \$4,319.84 is paid by points. A few people missed their swim tests. They will have to do them when we get there; they know who they are. Camp offers t-shirts for \$10.00 (\$2 cheaper if ordered in advance by May 31<sup>st</sup>). It's suggested we ask the boys if they would like to order one in advance. We're debating taking bikes. It was decided that we would not be taking them, due to not having a way to get them there. Belinda mentioned that Tim would like to get someone else to pull the trailer. When he volunteered he did not realize it was so far away. Check in to other options besides Tim. Ask Tim if we could borrow his truck. Belinda will do that. (Post meeting note – Tim said "no." He needs his truck for work.) Ed asked as to what would be the cost for renting a truck with electric brakes and Tow

package. Sandy will check into it. The thinking is it may be worth it, since Tim would have to drive the 5 hours back home that day and then come back on Saturday to pick it up. MaryAnn said maybe we could check with Troop 57 about paying the gas for one of them to pull up our trailer. Sandy will check also. This information will be accumulated and a decision made at the next meeting. Tim is still willing to pull the trailer if there are no other viable options. Sandy stated that she needs to get merit badge packages turned-in. Boys were given the information tonight. Sandy has to submit those ahead of time. (6/10) Tim will be taking the trailer up on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for someone to bring it back on July 5<sup>th</sup>. 25 Scouts and 7 adults are going. It was too cost prohibitive to rent something. Eric is checking to see if he can go up on 7/5 to pull the trailer back. If not, Tim will go and get it. Sandy has not worked out driving arrangements yet for getting the Scouts there. She will be contacting the adults as it gets closer. (07/22) Sandy can email advancements. Did not have as many merit badge opportunities. Still have several who need to finish Camping merit badge. 25 scouts and 7 adults went. A lot of adult training was made available and most adults took advantage of it. It was a very nice camp, nice weather. It's our first time there. We had to pay more since we were out-of-council. Definitely keep it on the list of possibilities for the future. Sandy will be copying merit badge cards before we give them back to the boys. 2 more places to consider in the future are Ingersoll and Gerber. They were recommended to us. We had 4 boys from our Troop get called-out for OA. They will need to do their Ordeal within the next year. Most will try to complete it at our Fall Conclave. It's suggested that we have the boys get 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Troop t-shirts before Summer Camp. We noticed Troop 57 looked nice with their clothes. They wore them every day. Pictures and CD's from Summer Camp are being worked on. Terry and Judi are going to work on pulling pictures of our boys off and making a copy of that.

### Future Events

**Day Camp (Jul 28):** (06/10) Sandy will need medical forms filled-out for those working at Alpine Day Camp. (07/22) Still looking for a nurse or medical professional.

**Festa Italiana (August 1-4):** (04/29) We need someone to chair it. (5/20) Terry received a letter regarding Festa. Paul Maffioli says it will start on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> this year. He wants to know if we can still do it and how much more we want to charge. It's suggested we see what we charged last year and base it accordingly. Suggested a skeleton crew for Thursday night as the committee feels this will not be very well attended. Thought Friday morning might be a problem. Paul volunteered to work the Friday morning shift. Terry will review the figures and a decision will be made at the next committee meeting as to how much we should charge. We definitely want to ask for a raise, especially with gas being so much higher this year. We were going to the last two years, but did not for some reason. He will let Mr. Maffioli know that we will have an answer for him after June 10<sup>th</sup>. Ed volunteered to chair this event, but would like help. (6/10) Terry had the figures available. We made \$1750 last year and want to raise it to \$2000 this year. Need to figure out what to ask for working the extra shifts on Thursday night and Friday morning. Belinda proposes \$2500 total. Terry feels that is too high. After discussing it further it was decided that we would propose \$2400 to Paul Maffioli. (07/22) Still need a few more people for evening shifts. Ed will be contacting people to fill the rest of them. Festa starts Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Ed will get the information to Lori for website.

**On The Waterfront (Aug 2008):** (8/28) We were offered an On the Waterfront ticket booth this year. Lois couldn't find enough people to support it in 2007. She said that we could put our name in for adults to sell tickets and we would get \$10/hour. It is a fundraising opportunity, if we want to put our name in for 2008. Do we want to put our name in to staff it for the entire weekend? The vote was "yes." (9/18) Lois will submit our troop for a place next year. (10/30) Lois has not gone down there yet. (11/27) Ed will talk to Lois about follow-up. (01/15) Lois has not submitted anything yet. Sandy will take over this pursuit. (02/26) Jennifer will help Sandy out with it. (03/25) Sandy sent a letter requesting our preferences. There is a waiting list. (04/29) This

activity has been turned-over to the Blondins, per Sandy. (5/20) Nothing new. (6/10) Nothing new. We have not heard anything. Sandy said Auburn had already received their slots. MaryAnn is working there for someone else and stated that she has already gotten her training schedule. It was suggested that she call to see if we are in or not. (07/22) We did not get it. It's dead for this year.

**Religious Retreat: (September 12–14):** (06/10) MaryAnn mentioned that it was the same weekend as our Bike Hike. The retreat had to change dates, which was out of their control. There is a big push to try and get more boys to attend. Attendance has been weak lately. This year they will be giving out attendance prizes. Also, they plan to open the rifle range during free time after activities but before church services. It's suggested changing the Bike Hike to another weekend so we do not have a conflict within our Troop. The calendar shows the Bike Hike is September 6<sup>th</sup>, with the 13-14<sup>th</sup> as a possibility. (07/22) Bobbie and Adriana, MaryAnn and Kevin, Jared, and Bradley are possibilities. If boys need to finish rifle merit badge they can do it there.

**WEBELOS Overnighter (Oct 18 – 19):** (02/26) Den chiefs are key for recruitment of new Scouts. Last year 13 Webelos graduated in. Potentials are good for next year. Suggestions for Webelos overnighters announcements out before school is out so that they have plenty of time for planning for it within their Packs. Suggested that we get Den Chiefs in the various Packs to help with recruitments for the future. (03/25) Need to get letters out to Packs of Webelos 1. Mary Ann thought we could get this information from the district. The packs did not receive it early enough last year. The packs we are interested in are 429 (Caleb and TJ), 400(correction), 141, 600 (Jordan), 121, 464 (Alex). (04/29) Sandy does not have the list of Webelos I and Webelos II yet. She will check with different packs. Another Webelos II den is requesting a Den Chief. There are big groups for next year. Greg will get the leaders' information for Sandy. (5/20) Sandy is waiting for a callback from MacQueen for a date to reserve. We are waiting to see who the new administrator is at Froberg School is to see about talking to the boys there. (6/10) MaryAnn said that the District is short 90 boys who should have crossed-over. They will be doing a roster check with leaders. Mark Broman and Ed Colson are the Webelos II coordinators. Terry said we are up to date. Sandy could not get MacQueen, so she has a call in to Russell Woods. She was wondering about the Girl Scout Camp facilities. Girl Scout Camp is preferred. If not available, try Russell Woods. Looking to hold the event the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. However, the 4<sup>th</sup> is a consideration. We cannot do the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend as that is the Fall Camporee. (07/22) We have a weekend at McCormick on October 18-19. Sandy would like to put out a flyer and include the Open House, Overnighter, and Swim Nights. It's suggested we contact Jefferson H.S. now for next year. Belinda will start that and Phil will check with Rockford College.

**High adventure camp (2009):** (7/24) Paul is proposing a camp in Maine – details to follow. (8/28) Caleb wants to go to Sea Base in 2009. (9/18) Paul says the trip goes down a river and ends up in the ocean, whale watching. Paul will check on enrollment deadlines. (10/30) Paul found 3 camps that do the same thing in Maine. Cost is approximately \$700 or \$800. (Sea Base was about \$1400, which included air travel and certification.) 3 Scouts would like to go to Sea Base. Paul will be bringing the information for our next meeting. (11/27) Ed wants us to consider whitewater rafting in WV too. (01/15) It's tabled, because we're running long. (02/26) Tabled. (03/25) Still tabled. . (04/29) No information for Maine yet. Other suggestions were: Northern Tier, Boundary Waters with a guide, or the Black Hills for a week. (5/20) Paul brought the information on High Adventure Camps in Maine. The Boy Scout High Adventure one has 3 levels of Kayaking. You get to pick your own trek anywhere from calm waters to whitewater trails. The cost is about \$900 without travel fee. This covers everything they need. The duration of the trip is 6-days minimum, up to 8-days. If both boys and girls will be going we would need one adult of each sex to attend. The crew size should be 6 to 8. Maine High Adventure is the name. Deposit would be due by March 1<sup>st</sup> for reservation. Balance would be due upon arrival. The other ones he has are not Boy Scout run, but are private outfitters and the costs are similar. Ed suggests put options to boys and let them choose. Paul gave Belinda the brochure on it. (6/10) Tabling until it can be presented to the boys and they chose one. (07/22) Still tabled.

## Training:

**Youth Protection:** Do it online then let MaryAnn Bushaw know that you did it. Training is good for two years. Make sure **you** do it through the **District website** and not the national one!

<http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=training&a=htm&page=YouthProtect>

**Fast Start:** Do it online then let MaryAnn Bushaw know that you did it. Make sure **you** do it through the **District website** and not the national one!

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## New Leader Essentials:

### Leader Specific:

<http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=training&a=htm&page=ldrSpec>

**Hazardous Weather Training:** Do it online then let MaryAnn Bushaw know that you did it. Make sure **you** do it through the **District website** and not the national one!

**Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-25-08 (Aug. 22-24 and Sep. 19-21, 2008):** *(01/15) We discussed prerequisites: Fast Start, Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Leader Specific need to be completed prior to attending Wood Badge. A scouter needs to pay \$50 to register. We have a one-person credit from the previous course. Tim is considering taking it. Sandy will be working staff. (02/26) Tim is considering taking it. Needs to have Leader Specific training done first, the dates listed above should not be a problem. Tim will work on it. (03/25) Tim signed up for it. . (04/29) Our money is still available for the Course, per Sandy (on staff). Tim will use this money. We'll talk to Tom about making sure it is applied. (5/20) Tim is all set to go. Belinda signed-up and paid today. (6/10) Nothing new to report. (07/22) Ideas for tickets are; make up schedules for Roundtable, see MaryAnn and Sandy said you can volunteer at Day Camp also.*

## Miscellaneous Business

**Rank Board:** *(04/29) Our long-missing Troop Board is now on the wall in the Fellowship Room. Bill Ziemke worked hard to get that taken care of. Now, the Board needs to be updated. It was suggested that we have a separate Board, just for Eagles. Paul and Eric are working on this. (5/20) Paul has the materials. He is staining the wood and still has to put it together. Eric needs information to put on the board, such as names and ranks of the Scouts. Terry said he already supplied the information. Paul and Eric will continue to work on it. (6/10) Paul is still working on it; no progress. (07/22) Still, no progress. Terry will supply Eric with names and dates to get new plates made.*

**CPR Classes:** *(5/20) Some people still need CPR training. Jim can do it at any Troop Meetings. It can also be done for 1 to 2 people. The card is \$5.00. Jim has the mannequin and will make this available. His course is good for one year. Paul and MaryAnn still need to get recertified. Sandy does also, but will be taking it during summer camp. (6/10) Nothing new. Jim was not here tonight.*

**New Uniforms:** *(06/10) MaryAnn mentioned that National will be changing the uniforms in preparation for the 100 years of scouting. They are bringing out new fabrics and options on the clothing. Also, eplets will be green instead of red, and the numbers will now be in green stitching on tan. Locally, our store will carry the red until they run out of stock. The old uniforms will still be acceptable, but all troops are being asked to*

*change. A decision will need to be made as to what we want to do before the next group of boys come in. Belinda was in St. Louis last week and received a brochure showing the new uniforms. MaryAnn said she would be willing to make green eplets for all the boys providing she can find the proper color material; we won't need to buy them.*

**Copier charges:** (06/10) Terry said we received a new bill from the church for \$22.48 for copies made during the month of May. Terry will check into the previous months. We received a yearly bill back in October 2007. (07/22) We owe money. Terry inquired yesterday. We need to pay it and leave a check on her desk. It comes out to \$53.81 for the last 5-months.

**Insurance:** (06/10) Terry received the new bill for our insurance from HSR. Our current policy expires 7/31/08. (07/22) Accident insurance is due end of month. Greg will write a check tonight.

**Health Forms:** (01/15) Terry said updates for 2008 need to be started. It needs to get done timely, so that it is ready in time for summer camps. (02/26) Lois is still working on it. (03/25) No one here to discuss. Old ones need signing or they need new ones done. (04/29) Lois needs the forms from the 4 new scouts. (5/20) Make sure it is available for the next campout; it was not at the last one. Make sure we have epi-pens for those who need them. Make sure we ask parents if there are things not on the medical forms. (Sometimes they don't put things on the forms because they do not want their doctors to know.) We will need copies of all forms to give to Tesomas; they are required to keep them on file. (6/10) Sandy has the book and is going over it. Lois has Belinda's form, which is not in the book yet. (07/22) The forms need to be reconsolidated. Several forms are scattered throughout various homes.

## **New Business**

**Spud Hut (Jul.29):** All of the shifts were filled by Troop and Crew 224. No outside help was needed.

**Alpine Slide (Aug 9-10):** We changed the date since it conflicted with the OA Fall Conclave. It will be August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Nothing has been done yet. Sandy will call to try to get it confirmed. Greg and Ryan are both going to the OA Conclave. Terry will not be able to attend either event this year. We will need someone to help mark the boys if they are to be called-out again.

**Famly Night (Aug. 5):** Lois asked Belinda to organize Family Night set up. Lois will be gone. We need to get a place for our picnic. We need skits to be done also; 2 to 4 patrols. Suggested that the Loggers do one also. Talking about starting at 5:30, but that would be hard for most. Suggest we have it here at the church. Terry will check with the church to see if we can still use the church. Everybody should provide enough food for their families and their own table service. It's suggested we supply the drinks; we need to purchase ice.

**Pinewood Prep (Aug.19):** (Are we buying them for the boys? We need to borrow a track. Pack 121 will let us borrow there's, per Phil. Open class, no rules; except it has to fit the track. Adults can race also. It's suggested we buy them to hand-out on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Scout cars provided, siblings and adults will purchase them. Jennifer will call and pick them up. We have 42 Scouts. Suggested we buy 50 and can return what we don't use. Mark Rauschanberger may have extras.

**Cherry Valley Festival Days (Aug. 22-24):** We did not get a booth.

**Bike Hike (Sep. 6):** It will not be an overnight. Jane Adams and Badger Trails. We will be starting North and come South. Eric is organizing it. He needs drop-off and pick-up drivers. He is still working-out details, but are ending in Freeport.

**Sporting Clays (Sept. 20):** Nothing to report. Only for adults to help as Safety Guides. Jennifer would like to know the dates and possibly help with it.

**WEBELOS Open House (Sep. 23):** Sandy will talk to Bill about getting the date approved. He will check into it.

**Wreath Sales (Sep. 23):** Do we have someone to coordinate it? Recommended that we check with Adriana and Tracy to see if they would be willing to do it again.

**Troop JLT (Sep. 27):** Terry has not done anything yet.

**Planning meeting** – Sandy will come up with dates. Would prefer not to have it on a troop meeting night. She will send out an email with new dates.

**National Scout Jamboree (2010)** – It's something for us to consider.

We got a new Scout tonight and his father signed up also: welcome Jacob (Tim) Hamachek.

Tim mentioned that Joseph has been working on making a slide show to be made available during family nights. Jennifer will donate a 5 x 7 digital frame for our Troop to use. He will need memory sticks. We can keep them for use on other events. We can make a disc that can be played on TV too.

Adjourned 9:18 p.m.